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Office Action Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Lucy P. Chien		2871	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 1-3,5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lien et al (US 6682786).

Regarding Claim 1.

Lien et al discloses (Fig. 1) An active component array substrate (13);

A pixel electrode layer (16), disposed over the active component array substrate (13);

an opposite substrate (18), disposed opposite to the active component array substrate

(13); A common electrode layer (17), disposed over the opposite substrate (18);

Two inorganic alignment films (21,22), disposed over the pixel electrode layer (16) and

the common electrode layer (17) respectively; and a negative dielectric anisotropic

liquid crystal layer (23)(Column 6, Rows 50-62), disposed between the two inorganic

alignments films (21,22), and aligned parallel to the inorganic alignment films.

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Regarding Claim 2.

Lien discloses (Fig. 1) The active component array substrate comprises a thin film transistor (11) array substrate. (13)

Regarding Claim 3.

Lien discloses (Column 4, Row 27-30) The active component array substrate comprises a glass substrate which is a silicon substrate.

Regarding claim 5.

Lien discloses (Column 6, row 15-30) A material of the inorganic alignment film comprises silicon oxide.

Regarding Claim 6.

Lien discloses (Fig. 1) The opposite substrate (18) comprises a color filter substrate (25).

Regarding Claim 7.

Lien discloses (Column 4, Row 20-25) A material of the common electrode layer comprises indium tin oxide or indium zinc oxide.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lien et al (US 6682786) in view of Hachisu et al (US 2002/0113928).

Lien et al does not disclose the negative dielectric anisotropic liquid crystal layer comprises ferroelectric liquid crystal layer.

Hachisu et al discloses (Page 1, [0009]) the negative dielectric anisotropic liquid crystal layer comprises a chiral smectic C device, which is a ferroelectric liquid crystal layer. Its property is that it has a bistable memory nature and it undergoes inversion switching because of spontaneous polarization and thus demonstrates a very fast response speed thus providing excellent viewing angle characteristics.

It is obvious to one skilled in the art to modify Lien et al's display to include Hachisu et al's negative dielectric anisotropic liquid crystal layer comprising a chiral smectic C device's bistable memory nature that it undergoes inversion switching demonstrating a very fast response speed thus providing excellent viewing angle characteristics.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucy P. Chien whose telephone number is 571-272-8579. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Kim can be reached on (571)272-2293. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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